

Methuen Historic District Commission
February 25, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.
Great Hall – Searles Building
41 Pleasant Street
Methuen, MA 01844

MEETING MINUTES

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1. Call to Order of Regular Meeting

Chairman Dufresne called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Raymond Dufresne, Chair	Present	Joseph Fisichelli	Present
Joseph Bella	Present	Christine Metzemaekers	Present
Peter Cameron	Present	Katherine Robinson, Alternate	Present
Robert Fabino	Absent	Ralph Belmonte, Alternate	Present

3. Acceptance of October 22, 2009 Minutes

MOTION by Commissioner Bella to accept the minutes of the October 22, 2009 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Metzemaekers. UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE.

4. New Business:

Chairman Dufresne explained the process of the public hearing for participants.

a. PUBLIC HEARING: Application: Certificate of Appropriateness: Thomas R. Lussier & Sharon M. Pollard, 5 East Street (aka 5 Locust Rd).

Commissioners reviewed an application for the replacement of existing kitchen window with Pella wood window and to remove a small kitchen window and replace siding to match house exterior.

Chairman Dufresne opened the floor to questions from the commission. Commissioner Metzemaekers commented about having no concerns about the application.

Chairman Dufresne opened the floor to public comment. There was none.

MOTION by Commission Metzemaekers to approve application as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Cameron. UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE.

5. Other Business

Chairman Dufresne mentioned approval of a certificate of non-applicability for maintenance and repair with like materials for 7 Charles Street. Dufresne received a request of a letter of support for the Festival of Trees. The organization is in the running for the 2010 Massachusetts Historical Commission Preservation Award. Chairman Dufresne received an inquiry from a prospective buyer of the old 1762 Morse House, 311 Pelham Street. Chairman Dufresne read a list of district violations given to him by Commissioner Fabino. Commissioner Robinson stated that according to the Massachusetts Historical Commission historic district guidelines, the city Building Inspector's office should send violation notices. Commissioner Robinson asked Chairman Dufresne about the status of the former Boddy Furniture building at 2 Charles Street. No exterior work to the building has been done at this time.

7. Announcements

None

MOTION to adjourn by Commissioner Robins. Seconded by Commissioner Bella. UNANIMOUS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Joseph G. Bella